GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Higher Education Department – The Andhra Pradesh Private Higher Educational Institutions (Establishment, Recognition, Administration and Control of Institutions) Rules, 2021 for granting permission to start Private Un-aided Degree Colleges, Un-aided Under Graduate and Post Graduate Programmes and related matters thereon – Amendments to the said Rules– Notification – Orders - Issued.

HIGHER EDUCATION (C.E.) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No.21 Dated:07/07/2023
Read the following:-

1.G.O.Ms.No.36, H.E (C.E) Department dated:15.7.2021.
2.From the Secretary, APSCHE, Lr.Rc.No.APSCHE/AC/G.O.36 Amdmt/ 2022-23 Dt:24.04.2023

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ORDER:-

In G.O first read above, the Government of Andhra Pradesh issued rules for granting permission to start Private Un-aided Degree Colleges, Un-aided Under Graduate and Post Graduate Programmes and related matters thereon. In the letter second read above, the Secretary, Andhra Pradesh State Council of Higher Education has proposed to make certain amendments to the said rules. After careful examination of the matter, Govt hereby issue the following notification will be published in an Extraordinary issue of Andhra Pradesh Gazette dated:07.07.2023.

NOTIFICATION

In exercise of the powers conferred by Sections 20 and 21 read with Section 99 of the Andhra Pradesh Education Act 1982 (Act No. 1 of 1982), the Government of Andhra Pradesh hereby makes the following amendments to the Andhra Pradesh Private Higher Educational Institutions (Establishment, Recognition, Administration and Control of Institutions) Rules, 2021 for granting permission to start Private Un-aided Degree Colleges, Un-aided Under Graduate and Post Graduate Programmes and related matters thereon issued in G.O.Ms.No.36 Higher Education (C.E) Department dated:15-7-2021.

AMENDMENTS

In the said Rules,-

(1) In Rule 6,-

(i) In sub rule (2), for clause (ii), the following shall be substituted, namely,-

"(ii) (a) Should have UGC 2 (f) recognition or 12 (B) status in case of the Colleges that have completed 5 years of existence and not completed 10 years of existence;

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(b)Should have NAAC accreditation in case of the Colleges that have completed 10 years of existence and more."

(ii) for sub-rule (7), the following shall be substituted, namely,-

"(7) A Society is not permitted to convert a Program / Course / Combination on its own. The Society shall obtain approval from the Competent Authority for conversion of an existing Program/ Course / Combination offered in the College into a new Program / Course / Combination subject to clause (ii) of sub-rule (2) of rule 6 above and availability of sufficient infrastructure. However, in case of conversion of UG Program/Course/Combination within the sanctioned intake, the clause (ii) of sub-rule (2) of rule 6 does not apply subject to availability of sufficient infrastructure;

(2) In Rule 7, after sub-rule (1), the following shall be added, namely,-

"(2) The colleges functioning in the rented buildings are not eligible to apply for new PG Programs/Courses/Combinations or conversion of PG Programs/ Courses/ Combinations etc."

(3) In Rule 9,-

(i) in sub-rule (1), for clause (i), the following shall be substituted, namely,-

"(i) Shifting from one leased building to another leased building, within the same mandal shall be permitted where a better accommodation is provided in respect of colleges upto 5 years of existence and a maximum of 10 years of existence in exceptional cases;"

(ii) in sub-rule (6), clause (i), shall be committed;

(iii) after sub-rule (6), the following shall be added, namely,-

"(7) The University shall not accord affiliation to the College where the College is shifted from its permitted place to another place and/or transferred the Management to another Management without prior approval of the Competent Authority."

(4) In Rule 10, for sub-rule (2), the following shall be substituted, namely,-

"(2) The Competent Authority may permit conversion from Co-education College to Women's College in order to encourage women education. But, the conversion from Women's College to Co-education College shall not be permitted, without conducting scientific study on the need of colleges in that locality and without notifying the locality.

(5) After Rule 11, the following Rule shall be inserted, namely,-

"11-A Change of Management:

(1) Any proposal for change of Management shall be submitted to the Competent Authority and obtain prior approval;

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(2) If any change of Management of the College is done without prior approval of the Competent Authority, such action is void and is in violation of rules. The University shall not accord affiliation to such unauthorized transfer of Management of Colleges;

(3) The proposals of the Colleges for change of Management shall not be accepted if the college has completed more than ten (10) years of existence in the leased / rented buildings."

(6) In Rule 18, after sub-rule (25), the following shall be added, namely,-

"(26).The Management of the College shall create a web site and upload academic, administrative, performance, and infrastructural information of the College in the Website;

(27).The Management of the College shall prepare Institutional performance report annually incorporating the performance of the teaching staff, students and institution and upload in the website;

(28). The Colleges shall mandatorily participate in All India Survey on Higher Education every year."

(7) After Rule 18, the following shall be inserted, namely,-

"18-A Accreditation of the Degree Colleges:

(i) All Private Unaided Degree Colleges functioning in the state shall mandatorily attain NAAC Accreditation in accordance with 'UGC Regulations for Mandatory Assessment and Accreditation of Higher Educational Institutions, 2012' as amended from time to time;

(ii)In any case, immediately after completing six (6) years of establishment or after two (2) batches are graduated from the college whichever is earlier, the college shall necessarily submit their full application for NAAC Accreditation without fail;

(iii) The AP State Council of Higher Education (APSCHE) shall, with the approval of the Government, notify the annual benchmarks to be met by the colleges so as to ultimately attain NAAC Accreditation within the time limits mandated by the Government and UGC;

(iv)The APSCHE shall actively monitor and systematically assess annually whether the colleges have met the prescribed annual benchmarks. Accordingly, APSCHE shall share their report to the concerned Universities before completion of the afliation process for the academic year;

(v) If a college fails to meet the annual benchmarks prescribed for a year, the affiliating University shall take appropriate action which includes defalcation of the college;

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vi) All the colleges that meet the three-year annual benchmarks must apply for NAAC Accreditation immediately, subject to completion of six years of establishment or graduating two batches, whichever is earlier;

(vii) If any college fails to apply for NAAC Accreditation successfully as per the timelines, the affiliating University shall take appropriate action which includes de-affiliation of the college."

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

J.SYAMALA RAO
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Commissioner of Printing & Stationery, Government of A.P.,Vijayawada. (with a request to publish in A.P.Extraordinary Gazette)
The Secretary, Andhra Pradesh State Council of Higher Education, Mangalagiri, Guntur District (shall take further necessary action).
The Commissioner of Collegiate Education, Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh.
All the Registrars of State Universities.
The Member Secretary, APHERMC, Tadepalli, Guntur Dist.
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